Kanpur-Aligarh-Ghaziabad-Delhi Highway

3768. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any demands have been made to declare Kanpur-Aligarh-Ghaziabad-Delhi Highway as National Highway; and

(b) if so, what action has so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Delhi to Ghaziabad is connected by National Highway No. 24 and the road from Ghaziabad—Aligarh—Kanpur has been recently declared as National Highway No. 91 *vide* notification dated 12.10.2000.

Repair of NH-52 in Assam

3769. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date of Breach in Samarajan area of NH-52 in Dhemaji district of Assam, indicating the date of approval for its repair, date of receipt of estimate and the date of sanction accorded in each year since 1998 till date;

(b) whether a proposal for 400/1 Samarajan SPT Bridge, Gai Nadi approach and 128 km. Box Culvert with approach No. 258 received during January, 2001 are yet to be sanctioned; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such delay and the expected date of sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE. OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ.

GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The details of breaches in Samarajan area of NH 52 in Dhemaji district of Assam are as under:—

Sl. No.	Year	Date of breach	Date of receipt of estimate	Date of sanction of the estimate
1	1998-99	19.7.1999	3.3.2000	31.3.2000
2	1999-2000	01.5.2000	19.2.2001	29.3.2001
3	2000-2001	15.6.2000		
		25.7.2000		

(b) and (c) The proposals for construction of Samarajan SPT bridge No. 400/1 and Gai Nadi approach have been sanctioned during March, 2001. The proposal for construction of box culvert with approaches in km 258 (old km. 128) of NH 52 could not be sanctioned as the same was found to be technically deficient and, therefore, returned unapproved. The work has been included in the Annual Plan 2001-2002.

Scheme for Development of NHS in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

3770. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any long-term scheme for the expansion of National Highways in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for this purpose;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study about the condition of roads in these States or constituted a team for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS